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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 597 in its entirety. Under this bill, if a court orders the removal or modification of a structure built in violation of a building code or zoning ordinance but in accordance with an issued building permit, the issuing local government must pay attorney fees, labor and material expenses, and costs of razing, moving or modifying the structure.

AB 597 would hamper economic development at the municipal level by creating disincentives for local governments to grant building permits. Local governments would be faced with increased liability insurance premiums and would respond by curbing the issuance of permits. Under current law, local governments do voluntarily take action to remedy these types of situations when the circumstances permit. With continued development at the local level vital to growing our state's economy, I cannot support a bill that would impede moving Wisconsin forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor